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China

16 Jan 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Action Memorandum No. A-161 on Communist China

1. In response to your action memorandum, paragraph 2f, I am herewith submitting a memorandum (TCS-3303-63/KH) which is going forward to the Special Group for action. This memorandum answers the status of requirements for U-2 coverage of Communist China at this time.

2. In addition, each KEYHOLE mission is programmed to include coverage of China. Unfortunately the mission just completed will not be productive because of malfunction. China will be programmed on the next mission for February.

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25X1D 3. [redacted] during 1962 because of plane losses and other problems, we have now returned to a regular schedule of two to three missions per month. As you know, the [redacted] currently operating over China and one of the most valuable assets the United States has with regard to collection in this field. COMOR reviews requirements for the [redacted] at least semi-annually and has effective tasking procedures in cooperation with 25X1D

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SIGNED

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